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Patent Application
Serial No. 08/716,223
Attorney Docket No.: 702-961170

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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G.A. VAN SCHOUWENBURG :
Serial No. 08/716,223 :
Filed November 22, 1996 :
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 1998, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 11, line 18, after "salt(s)" insert with or
without mixing of an acidifying agent therewith-

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 8 and amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Thrice Amended) A method for manufacturing a coherent piece of raw meat from smaller pieces of raw meat, comprising the steps of:

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Invention: "Method For Preparing A Coherent Piece Of Meat From Smaller Pieces Of Meat, And The Coherent Piece Of Meat Obtained"

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
X No additional fee is required.
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